

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph starting at page 1, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/480,878, filed January 10, 2000, now abandoned, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/115,498, filed January 11, 1999, entitled ISOTHERMAL AMPLIFICATION OF DNA, both of which are incorporated by reference in their entireties, including drawings. --